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## UNIVERSITY FINANCE

Councillor J. H. Matthews gave an outline of Education finance to a meeting called by the Socialist Society last week. He explained that the national education system was financed by the State and by Local Authorities. The proportion varied from area to area owing to the operation of the grant formula but the national contribution was, on the average, nearly 50 per cent. of the net cost. A good measure of local responsibility was, he urged, essential to the maintenance of local democracy in educational matters, for a nationally financed system would quickly come under complete national control.

Elementary education, because it was compulsory, was also free and therefore entirely financed from local and national funds. A large part of secondary education was in a comparable position and was mainly, but not entirely financed from rates and taxes.

On the other hand the support of technical and university education was optional on local authorities although public demand and national need had created in practice an obligation. These institutions were not, therefore, in the same well-equipped and developed position as junior education.

It should not be assumed, however, that the difficult financial position of university education could best be remedied by complete financial responsibility being accepted by the State and Local Authorities. University education had a tradition of self-government which it was essential to maintain. Direct official control would subject university education to a cautious, bureaucratic atmosphere in which freedom of thought, discussion and research would be restricted. University finance must therefore remain a composite affair of Treasury and Local Authority grants, endowments, grants from the Board for teacher training, fees, etc.

The grant formula which governed the Board of Education grant for elementary education had, since the economy measures in 1931, tended to throw an increased proportion of the cost of education on the local rates. In addition, urgently needed improvements in education had involved rising costs. The result was that appeals to Local Authorities for grants towards university work, while sympathetically received, could not be treated as liberally as was desirable.

The situation in Southampton was peculiar in that University

College undertook senior technical education for the area because this was the most economical way of making the necessary provision. Until recently the Southampton Borough Council had made an annual grant of £12,000 per annum to the College with no specific allocation as between university and technical education. The result of this method was that the expansion of technical education diminished the portion of the grant available for university purposes proper.

To meet this situation a new scheme had recently been adopted by which the Borough Council made a grant of £6,000 per annum (or the product of a 1d. rate) for university education and contributed the actual cost of technical education in conjunction with the County Education Authority. This scheme dealt satisfactorily with the revenue side of technical and university education locally.

The Local Authorities had never paid a rent to the College for the use of buildings for technical purposes, and no rent was to be paid under the new scheme. As an offset it was proposed that the local authorities should, in effect, provide new buildings costing about £100,000. This proposal was still under discussion by the Borough Council and to some extent the fate of the new Refectory and Union buildings was linked up with it.

The annual expenditure of University College, excluding the Halls of Residence Account, was now about £60,000 per annum. The principal sources of income to meet this expenditure are grants totalling over £17,000 (including the grant for technical education) from six local authorities, Treasury grant £20,000, tuition fees (including grant from Board of Education for this purpose) £10,000 and £6,000 grant from the Board of Education for technical purposes.

Gifts from individuals were the main source of expenditure on new buildings except for the proposed expenditure in connection with technical education, and for grants occasionally made by the University Grants Committee. Southampton had been described as a "rationalised" town. The largest industrial enterprise, the Southern Railway, had no private pocket and Southampton had no Lord Nuffield.

Finally, Mr. Matthews reiterated his opinion that it was essential for university education to maintain a large measure of autonomy and not come under complete state and local authority control. Only in this way would the flexibility and freedom of university education be ensured.

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# WESSEX NEWS

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## Editorial.

The narcotic effect which the Finals examination of London University has upon its victims to the extent of withdrawing them from all other interests during the Summer Term is a matter for annual regret amongst the various officials of the Union and of Clubs. However, before we condemn too harshly these poor martyrs to a system, we should do well to recall the pious words of a great sage and leave our readers to judge of their worth—"Whatever you may do afterwards, to whatever heights you may attain, you can never recover from the effects of a poor first degree." So do not say that we didn't tell you.

In spite of the impending doom there are signs that the spirit which may yet make this a great University is not entirely dormant. Our correspondence columns contain welcome signs of life in the student-body, albeit they are criticisms of our policy. With the plea for a greater individualism, we are in entire sympathy, but the lack of this singular quality is unfortunately not confined to this College alone, but is a world-wide malady.

The inability of persons on School Practice away from College to appreciate our News Items is unfortunate but difficult to remedy. *Wessex News* is primarily the publication of the Students' Union and should endeavour to serve first the interest of the students here. At the beginning of the session we felt that we should attempt to cater for a large section of our circulation—namely, past students—and we invited news. The only news of Old Hartleians we obtained as a result of our appeal was of such a nature as to have involved us in heavy legal expenses had it been printed.

The Editor gratefully acknowledges the receipt of *Wessex*, a review of which appears in this issue.

## Correspondence

To the Editor of *Wessex News*.

Dear Sir,

The Faculty Society of Engineering would like to inform the Editor of *Wessex News* that his "duty in the matter of editorials" in the last issue was sadly incomplete.

We will remind him that a student of this College was killed in an aeroplane accident on May 7th.

Surely he did not think Refectory lunches more important!

Yours sincerely,

I. N. S.

The Editor, *Wessex News*.

Sir,

It has been stated that only at times of great national stress does the British character rise to high literature. The condition of a University College would seem to be analogous, if recent events are any criterion. The last *Wessex News* contained for once, a variety of original verse and prose of spontaneous inspiration, and the Editorial created a minor precedent by being about something. These, sir, are healthy signs. I would see more such. With this end in view I suggest, therefore, that the Students' Council take steps, in future, to provide the (apparently) necessary stimulus at weekly intervals. To begin with I suggest:

1. A protest march down the Avenue.
  2. Systematic holding-up of Staff cars.
  3. A House-to-House collection (in aid of the New Refectory).
  4. Besieging the Civic Centre.
  5. Union Suicide Pact.
- Gad Sir, think of the publicity! May I sign myself,  
Your obedient servant,  
PER ARDUA AD ASTRA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

We should like to make known a couple of criticisms with regard to *Wessex News* which we have made during School Practice. In the first place we should like to say that one never realises how

poor *Wessex News* is until one is away from College. We agree with you, sir, that *Wessex News* should reflect the tone of the College, but when that tone is one of complete disgust and loathing of an institution which can provide much for the individual if the individual would but become an individual, then we must protest that *Wessex News* should not get beyond the four walls of College. *Wessex News* gives the impression of one long moan from start to finish.

In the second place, we would have it that the news items published presuppose a knowledge of current events. In other words, if one does not belong to the clique responsible for publication, one might just as well ignore it week by week for what real value it can be to those who are unavoidably detained from College.

Mr. Editor, we ask for less fault finding and more news.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

E. C. BIGNELL,

F. HOLMES.

(We apologise for printing yet another "moaning" letter. Ed.)

It was with great sorrow that we learned of the death of Stephen Leach on May 7th and we take this rather belated opportunity of extending our sincere sympathy to his parents and friends. That no mention was made of this in our last issue was an oversight which we sincerely regret and for which we apologise to all who may have been distressed by our seeming negligence. Ed.

1. The Editor is not responsible for the views expressed in signed articles.

2. Correspondents are asked to make their letters as brief and to the point as possible.

3. The Editor regrets that, owing to lack of space, it is impossible to print *Student Reports* unless they have genuine news value.

## Your Feelings?

To be sung exultantly to the tune of "The Campbells are Comin'."

Finals are comin'. Hurrah!  
Hurrah!  
And there's nothing I'm dumb in,  
A Cha! A Cha!  
I've got everything at my finger tips,  
And know that the questions will all the "snips,"

I've learnt all the syllabus inside-out,  
There isn't a subject in which I've a doubt.  
I've looked up this and I've looked up that,  
'Till both that and this I know off pat.

I'm chock full of knowledge I am! I am!  
And longing to start the exam,  
I reckon already I'm good as a grad,  
Though really of course, I'm not yet as bad.

Finals are comin', Oh ho!  
Oh ho!  
And there isn't a thing I don't know, don't know,  
I soon shall be wearing a B.Sc.  
I'm sure of a first, at the worst,  
(Sez me!)

## Resume of Minutes of S.C. Meeting

Held, Thursday, May 19th, 1938.

1. Reported that the issue of New University for June would be a special "Congress" number as requested by S.C. and others.
2. Miss Dade and Mr. Hardie appointed to Re-union Committee of S.O.H.
3. Decided to aid Library Committee in sending circular re lost books to all past students.
4. Agreed to purchase second-hand stage-cloth for the Assembly Hall.
5. Delegation to Halls Refectory Committee reported to S.C.
6. Preliminary reports of Faculty Societies on the Examinations System were received.
7. Agreed that Two-year Training College students should take part in work of N.U.S. Education Students' Committee.
8. Agreed to organise an appeal for funds to assist Austrian refugees under I.S.S. scheme.
9. Agreed to obtain samples of blazers material to place before the Union.
10. Decided to fix Thursday, June 9th, for College Photograph.

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# ATHLETIC UNION

For the first day this term the rain descended in torrents; one might well have demanded what the gods were angered about to deal so cruelly with U.C.S. An extremely interesting day's sport, in which 3 U.A.U. matches against Exeter, and the Hants Inter-Collegiate Athletic championships should have been decided, was almost completely spoiled. The continued downpour made it impossible for the Tennis and Cricket matches to be decided. The Spartan Athletics, encouraged by a small but loyal band of supporters, were alone able to carry through their programme. For the second year in succession U.C.S. won the championship in a very comfortable fashion. King Alfred's College and Portsmouth Municipal College totalled 24 and 7 points respectively, against Southampton's 41. When due allowance is made for the deplorable state of the track, the performances must be considered excellent. No one expected records to be broken, but a new record was set up by R. R. Choat of K.A.C. for the Mile. It was obvious from the start that Choat was superbly trained and running for the record. The first half-mile was covered in 2 mins 12 sec., and with scarcely diminished pace Choat swept through the falling rain to finish a truly magnificent race in 4 mins. 36 1/10 sec., which is 7 7/8 sec. better than the previous record—equalled by Evans last year.

Southampton were pre-eminent on the track, and won every track event except the 3 miles team race. Wallace won the 100 and 220 in a fairly easy manner, and the 1/2 mile in 54/9/10 sec. Carswell (S.), gave him a race, and finished very creditably 3 yards behind. The half mile was, after the mile, perhaps the best race of the day from the spectators' point of view. Pirrie and Dukes quickly outpaced their opponents, and for the whole of the second lap Dukes was running stride for stride a yard behind Pirrie. Pirrie ran well, and Dukes excelled himself.

The Three miles evoked the greatest excitement of the afternoon. Portsmouth, to every one's surprise, won the individual and the team race in a very convincing manner. The time—16 mins. 19 sec.—was excellent on the rain-sodden track. A word of tribute is due to Hodgkinson (U.C.S.) who pluckily and determinedly made up lost ground after taking his shoes off (his own diagnosis was "tyre trouble.")

The field events were more evenly divided between K.A.C. and U.C.S. A good putt by Tate (K.A.C.) gave Winchester the Shot, but C. T. Reed (S.) won the Discus and High Jump with a throw of 98ft. 6ins. and a jump of 5 ft. 1 in. respectively. Winchester gained first and

second places in the Javelin, while Thornhill (S.) jumped superbly to win the Long Jump with 21ft. 1 1/2 ins.

The Women's Championship was won by Portsmouth by 20 1/2 pts. to 12 1/2 pts., although Miss Luff won 3 of 5 events, and was second in the 100 yards. The women proved themselves, on this score at least, equal with the men, in their braving of the fretful elements. The Long Jump was jumped off in one of the severest of the storms, and won by Miss Luff. If Miss Luff could train an understudy, the long line of Portsmouth victories would be broken. It is pleasing, however, that Southampton turned out a team which was not disgraced, since prospects at the beginning of the season were dismal.

Mrs. Vickers graciously distributed the prizes after the events to the victors, and we wish to thank her for being present on so uninviting an afternoon.

The Athletic Club also wish to thank the members of Staff who lent their invaluable support as judges, starter, timekeepers and recorder.

## Results :

### Men.

220 yds.—1. L. M. Wallace (S), 2. D. W. Richards (W) 3. P. R. Mossman (S). 23 1/5 sec.

880 yds.—1. N. D. Pirrie (S); 2. C. A. Dukes (S); 3. N. Beckitt (W). 2 mins. 9 sec.

Shot.—1. F. J. Tate (W); 2. B. A. Wareham (S); 3. F. W. Gurling (W). 32ft. 6 1/2 ins.

440 yds.—1. L. M. Wallace (S); 2. L. J. Carswell (S); 3. C. A. Homan-Berry (W). 54/9/10 sec.

Discus.—1. C. T. Reed (S); 2. E. R. Browne (P); 3. C. F. Greenbank (W). 98ft. 6ins.

High Jump.—1. C. T. Reed (S); 2. F. W. Gurling (W); 3. J. Thornhill (S). 5ft. 1in.

One Mile.—1. R. R. Choat (W); 2. A. D. Evans (S); 3. C. A. Dukes (S). 4mins. 36 1/10 sec. Record.

100yds.—1. L. M. Wallace (S); 2. J. Thornhill (S); 3. D. W. Richards (W). 10 3/10 sec.

Javelin.—1. G. B. Haworth (W) 2. L. Knott (W); 3. K. N. Reed (S). 117ft. 1 1/2 ins.

Long Jump.—1. J. Thornhill (S) 2. D. W. Richards (W); 3. J. E. Griffin (P) 21ft. 1 1/2 ins.

Three Miles.—1. Portsmouth; 2. Southampton; 3. Winchester. 16mins. 19sec.

Relay.—1. Southampton; 2. Winchester, 3. Portsmouth. 3mins. 57 1/2 sec.

## Women.

220yds.—1. G. Luff (S); 2. E. Bullock (P); 3. L. M. Smither (S). 29 2/5 sec.

440yds.—1. G. Luff (S); 2. C. Roberts (P); 3. D. Sewell (P). 73 9/10 sec.

Long Jump.—1. G. Luff (S); 2. M. Hooker (P); 3. B. Dauncey (P). 14ft. 9ins.

100yds.—1. E. Bullock (P); 2. G. Luff (S); 3. D. Sewell (P).

High Jump.—1. B. Dauncey (P); 2. P. Higgins (P); 3. M. Hooley (P); B. Race-Clough (S) 4ft. 5ins.

Relay.—1. Portsmouth; 2. Southampton. 58 1/5 sec.

## MEN'S SWIMMING CLUB.

U.C.S. 26. K.A.C. 27.

On Saturday, May 21st, the Men's Swimming Club entertained a team from King Alfred's College, Winchester, at the Corporation Baths. We again won by a single point in the Swimming and Diving events—King Alfred's College being disqualified in the Free-Style Relay for diving off too soon.

There was no lack of keenness among the players in the water-polo, and the match was quite enjoyable, though scrappy. U.C.S. were the better side and deserved their win. The final result was a victory for College by 3 goals to 1.

## Results.

50yds. Free. Marsh (2) Cowling (3) 27 1/5 sec.

50yds. Breast. Edwardson (2), Solomon (3). 38 2/5 sec.

25 yds. Back. Trevirick (2), 15 sec. Free Style Relay.—Southampton. Medley Relay.—Winchester. 62 1/2 sec.

## Polo.

Southampton, 3 goals. Winchester 1 goal.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS.

U.C.S. 6. v. Bristol 3.

As the score suggests the 1st VI won their match against Bristol fairly easily. Each couple won two matches, but in every case the 1st Bristol couple playing a very steady game managed to beat our couples. The form shown by the team as a whole in this match augurs well for the coming fixture with Exeter.

## MEN'S TENNIS.

U.A.U. MATCHES.

U.C.S. 1. Bristol 8.

U.C.S. 4. Reading 5.

The match at Bristol was an unfortunate one, since Bristol, not wishing to repeat their

last year's mistake, turned out a team with two strong pairs. The third pair offered U.C.S. the opportunity which they failed to take of winning three games.

Reading were much weaker and when the score stood at 4—2 in U.C.S.'s favour, there should have been no doubt about the result. Three more catastrophes followed, leading to another defeat for College.

Other results :

U.C.S. 1. Cambrians 8.

## ATHLETIC CLUB.

U.C.S. 62. R.A.F., Gosport 49. Last Wednesday the Coll. team won their match with R.A.F. Gosport. Rain rather spoilt things at first, but cleared later. Good times were not in evidence, although Dukes was heard to remark after, that it was the first time he had won an event for Coll. But the most meritorious performance was that of Thornhill who won the long jump with 21ft. 4 1/2 ins. He also beat Walley in the 100 yds.

## CRICKET CLUB.

### Results :

U.C.S. 122 for 8 declared. Lloyds' Bank 112 for 9. Draw.

U.C.S. 76.

Stoats C.C. 150 for 1 dec. Lost 2nd XI.

U.C.S. 88. Netley 81. Won

We congratulate L. M. Wallace on his selection by the A.A.A. to represent them in the 100 and 220 yds. against the Royal Ulster Constabulary next Saturday.

We have it from his trainer that after this event Wallace is considering retiring to stud. For further information, see last issue of West Saxon.

## Resume of A.U. Meeting

Saturday, May 21st.

- Minutes.
- Correspondence : Field to be lent to St. Nicholas' School once during June, twice during the Vacation.
- Women's Boat Club now a recognised Club.
- Application for grant for Women's Boat House to be made to College Authorities.
- Southampton to propose the abolition of "replica" cup system at Inter-Collegiate Sports.
- W.J.V.A.B. to hold Athletic Sports at Southampton, 1939.
- A.U. to buy boxing ring, £15. A Bargain !
- Possibility of U.A.U. Soccer Trial at Southampton, 1938-39.

H.S.M.

# Wessex, 1938

The tenth anniversary number of *Wessex* was chronologically due this year, but as far as its contents go, it has been published long before its time; A.D. 2028 would have been a more opportune date. The first forty pages are devoted to what is termed "a Survey and a Record," but we fear that the wish has been sadly father to the thought and "a Prophecy and a Hope" would have been a far more suitable title; as a specimen of "dream literature" it would be hard to find an equal. In the Foreword we read "Here, if anywhere, men may still pay homage to Truth, Beauty, Goodness." We hate to be sceptical, we loathe the coldly materialistic mind, but we must confess to a rather cynical smile upon reading this, and cannot help thinking that a little more regard for the attribute of Truth in the "Survey and Record" would have been more in keeping with the Foreword. Are outsiders really intended to believe that University College, Southampton, is a far better university than Oxford or Cambridge, is in fact, the "Lost Horizon" of all University Students? There is no doubt that Southampton has certain merits over Oxford—we need not be slaves to a hide-bound tradition, for one thing—but we have hardly reached the distinction of being "a home for lost causes and impossible ideals" as one might infer from the Foreword.

This "Survey and Record" savours very much of a cheap advertisement for a patent food-stuff and after reading some of the more particularly fanciful passages we feel like declaiming "University College, Southampton, cures night starvation." It would be just as true.

An article on Lake Titicaca is of considerable interest, being a short account of the Scientific expedition sent out to the Andes last year, of which the writer, H. P. Moon, undertook the biological investigation. A fine photograph of the lake is included.

Amongst other interesting articles are "A Scandinavian view of English University Life" by Reider Kvaal who spent a term at Southampton, a short story by an Evening Class Student, Dorothy Blake, entitled "The Swarm," and "The Lutheran Church in Germany" by Dr. Lucas.

"The Scholar's Day," by Dr. Ladbrough, which aroused much enthusiasm when it first appeared in *West Saxon* is reprinted in *Wessex*, and of various poems, "Philosophic Ballad" (V. de S. Pinto) is the most outstanding and of considerable merit.

VERITAS.

## Famous Last Words

EPISODE.  
Scene: COLLEGE OFFICE.  
Morning of May 25th.  
"You will pardon my intruding, but have you such a thing as a fire extinguisher?"  
INTERVAL.  
"No."  
"Dear me, you see, the Physics Block is on fire."

Noises off: "Lumme, I must ring up the Professor and ask him if 'tis true."

SAFETY CURTAIN.

Chairman-elect of Faculty of Arts: "There's something wrong with this Society." (10 members were present).

## Improvement in Lunch

The improvement in the Refectory lunch gives cause for much satisfaction, and we are grateful to the authorities for the sympathetic attention which has been given to our wishes. "Some hae meat, and canna eat, And some hae none and want it; But we hae meat and we can eat And so the Lord be thankit."

Candidates taking the examination in Music Contact have expressed a desire that the public should be admitted to their performance upon payment of an admission fee.

## Election!

The election for two General Representatives on to the Students' Council for next Session will take place on *Thursday* from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the S.C. office.

Candidates:  
John F. Archard.  
G. H. G. Campbell.  
L. J. Carswell.  
M. H. Roper.  
James West.  
B. A. Wareham

## Inter-Collegiate Dance

The quiet dignity (?) which often characterises dances at Connaught Hall was conspicuously absent on Saturday. Perhaps it was because the illustrious name of Connaught struck no awe into the hearts of the hordes of foreigners, or because there was no room for it. They streamed in from Winchester and Portsmouth in their hundreds, damp and boisterously cheerful, determined at all costs to grab a partner. Southampton men, accustomed to pick and chose at leisure, stood in amazement at the popularity of College women—A Paul Jones put them on their mettle and gave ample scope for competition; the dance resembled nothing so much as a game of musical chairs, only there was no room to move when the music played. The floor was packed with a swaying mass, shoulder to shoulder, all phenomenally cheerful and good-tempered, and, an amazing fact to record of a Connaught dance, the crowd did not appreciably diminish during the evening.

It was a mad, merry evening, with merriment not entirely dependent on the bar (although the sales were a record, and reinforcements had to be brought in). The arrangements were good and those responsible are to be congratulated; the seventh Inter-Col. dance will not quickly be forgotten.

Several participants in the Inter-Col. Dance on Saturday have stated that whilst they enjoyed the dance immensely, they were profoundly disappointed with the "Gobli" afterwards.

## Finals in Library

We are very glad to learn that an arrangement has been made so that Finals can be held in the Library again this year.

## Reduced Local Fee

We are glad to hear that the Local fee for Subsidiary Subject has been reduced from 10/- to 5/-.

## Calendar

*Tuesday, May 31st.*  
5.15 p.m. Choral Society.  
Music Studio.  
9—10 p.m. Men's Swimming Club.

*Thursday, June 2nd.*  
9-5. Election for General Representatives.  
1.20 p.m. Christian Union.  
Room 35.  
1.20 p.m. Choir Practice.  
Music Studio.

*Friday, June 3rd.*  
1.20 p.m. Choir Practice.  
Music Studio.  
Reunion of Old Hartleians.

*Saturday, June 4th.*  
Reunion of Old Hartleians.

*Sunday, June 5th.*  
9.45 a.m. Collegiate Service at St. Mary's, South Stoneham.  
Preacher: The Rev. F. C. Tindall, B.D., Warden of Connaught Hall and formerly Vice-Principal of Chichester Theological College.

*Monday, June 6th.*  
Reunion of Old Hartleians.

*Tuesday, June 7th.*  
5.15 p.m. Choral Society.  
Music Studio.  
9-10 p.m. Men's Swimming Club.

*Thursday, June 9th.*  
1.20 p.m. Christian Union.  
Room 35.  
1.20 p.m. Choir Practice.  
Music Studio.

*Friday, June 10th.*  
8.30 Symphony Concert.

*Sunday, June 12th.*  
9.45 a.m. Collegiate Service at St. Mary's, South Stoneham.  
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. J. W. Welch, M.A., E.Ed., Principal, St. John's College, York.

*Monday, June 13th.*  
1.20 p.m. Christian Union.  
Room 35.  
1.20 p.m. Gramophone Club.  
Music Studio.  
5-7 p.m. O.T.C.

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